

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****[A-485-806]****Notice of Amended Preliminary Antidumping Duty Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From Romania**

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 6, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Riker or Charles Riggle, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement 5, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0186 or (202) 482-0650, respectively.

Amendment of Preliminary Determination

The Department of Commerce (the Department) is amending the preliminary determination in the antidumping investigation of certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products (HRS) from Romania. This amended preliminary determination results in revised antidumping rates.

Background

On April 23, 2001, the Department issued its affirmative preliminary determination in this proceeding. See *Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from Romania*, 66 FR 22194 (May 3, 2001). On May 1, 2001, the Department received timely allegations from certain petitioners¹ of ministerial errors in connection with the preliminary determination.

The petitioners alleged that significant ministerial errors exist, specifically that the Department did not value electricity or methane gas correctly in their factors of production valuation memorandum and erred in not including interest expenses in its normal value calculations. See letter from Dewey Ballantine to the Department of Commerce alleging ministerial errors in the preliminary determination (May 1, 2001).

Significant Ministerial Error

A significant ministerial error is defined as a correction which, singly or

in combination with other errors, would result in (1) a change of at least 5 absolute percentage points in, but not less than 25 percent of, the weighted-average dumping margin calculated in the original (erroneous) preliminary determination; or (2) a difference between a weighted-average dumping margin of zero or de minimis and a weighted-average dumping margin of greater than de minimis or vice versa. See 19 CFR 351.224(g).

Amended Determination

The Department has reviewed its preliminary calculations and agrees with the petitioners that it made certain ministerial errors within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.224(f) and (g). We agree with the petitioners that the Department erred in miscalculating the surrogate value for electricity, and should have included interest expenses in the normal value calculations. However, we do not agree that the Department erred in not calculating a surrogate value for methane gas. For a detailed analysis of these allegations, and the Department's determinations, see the May 25, 2001 Memorandum to Bernard T. Carreau from Christopher Riker, regarding *Ministerial Error Allegations* on file in room B-099 of the Main Commerce building. As a result of our analysis of the petitioners' allegations and because those errors were significant within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.224(g), we are amending our preliminary determination to revise the antidumping rates for Sidex Trading, SRL & Sidex International, Plc, Metanef, S.A., Metagrimex, S.A. and Metalexportimport, S.A., in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(e). Suspension of liquidation will be revised accordingly and parties shall be notified of this determination, in accordance with sections 733(d) and (f) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

The following weighted-average dumping margins apply:

Manufacturer/exporter	Margin (percent)
Sidex Trading, SRL & Sidex International, Plc	50.96
Metanef, S.A.	62.37
Metagrimex, S.A.	50.23
Metalexportimport, S.A.	54.22
Romania-Wide	88.62

The Romania-wide rate has not been amended, and applies to all entries of the subject merchandise except for entries from exporters/producers that are identified individually above.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: May 29, 2001.

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****[A-580-839]****Notice of Final Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Review: Certain Polyester Staple Fiber From the Republic of Korea**

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: We have completed the changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty order on polyester staple fiber from the Republic of Korea. We determine that the Huvis Corporation is not the successor-in-interest to the Samyang Corporation, SK Chemicals Co., Ltd., or to the Samyang Corporation and SK Chemicals Co. jointly and that the Huvis Corporation is subject to the "all others" rate calculated in the antidumping duty investigation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 6, 2001.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Applicable Statute and Regulations**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to 19 CFR Part 351 (2000).

Background

On May 25, 2000, the Department of Commerce (the Department) issued an antidumping duty order on certain polyester staple fiber (PSF) from the Republic of Korea (Korea). See *Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Polyester Staple Fiber from Republic of*

¹ The petitioners who alleged ministerial errors were Bethlehem Steel Corporation, LTV Steel Company, Inc., National Steel Corporation, and U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corporation.